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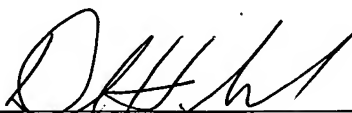
Pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 608.02, enclosed please find proposed changes to Figure 1, Figure 2A, Figure 2B, Figures 3A through 3Q, Figure 4, Figure 5, Figure 6A and Figure 6B. The changes have been made at the request of the Examiner. The drawings have been amended to remove excessive text and to correct the figure numbering format. No new matter has been added. Upon approval of the drawing changes, Applicants will submit formal drawings.

If there are any remaining informalities with the drawings, Applicants request issuance of a Form PTO-948 identifying the informalities noted by the Official Draftsperson.

Respectfully submitted,

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